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Remarks

Claims 1-70 were pending in the case at the time of the current Office Action. Claims 11-38 and 47-70 have been withdrawn herein. Claims 1, 4, 40-41, and 43-44 are currently amended. Claims 1-70 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 40-41, and 43-44 have been amended herein to correct minor informalities.

Election of Inventions

The Examiner has requested an election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has identified inventions I to VI.

Applicant complies with the Examiner's requirement by electing Invention I, that is, claims 1-10 and 39-46, for prosecution.

The restriction and election made above are made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to undertake prosecution of the non-elected claims at a later date by way of division of this parent application.

The applicant respectfully submits that the claims are presently in a condition to permit allowance. Therefore the applicant requests early and favourable disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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